



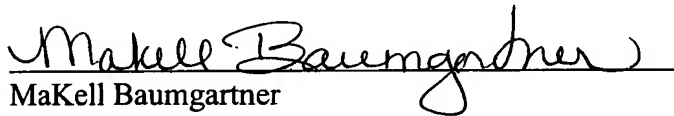
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B. ELECTION OF SPECIES (35 U.S.C. §121)

Responsive to the USPTO communication mailed **November 30, 2004**, the Applicant elects Species Group No. I identified by as-filed Claims 1-19, drawn to a railroad e-clip removal system, classified in class 254. This election is made without prejudice.